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This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.378(c), filed August 25, 2003, to accept the unintentionally delayed payment of the 4 year maintenance fee for the above-identified patent.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The maintenance fee is hereby accepted and the above-identified patent is reinstated as of the mail date of this decision.

Petitioner submitted \$2,150.00 on August 25, 2003, which was applied to the \$445 4-year maintenance fee and the \$1,640.00 surcharge because the maintenance fee was paid outside the six-month grace period and after expiration of the patent. Since the overpayment of \$65.00 is not necessary, it is being credited to petitioner's deposit account no. 13-0200 as authorized.

The patent file is being forwarded to Files Repository.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (703) 306-5594.

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